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Amend the Jurors (Ireland) Acts.

A.D. 1896.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

5 1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Sessional Jurors (Ireland) Act, 1896. Short title.

2. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

Extent of
Act.

3. In the construction of this Act the following words shall have the meanings herein-after assigned to them :—

Definitions.

10 "Grand jury" shall include any body empowered to consider and make presentments on bills of indictment at a court of quarter sessions.

"Grand juror" shall mean any person summoned on the grand jury at a court of quarter sessions.

15 "Common juror" shall mean any person summoned for the purpose of trying criminal issues before a recorder or before the chairman and justices at a court of quarter sessions.

"Sheriff" shall include under sheriff.

20 "Crown day" shall mean the day fixed for the trial of criminal issues before the recorder or before the chairman and justices at a court of quarter sessions.

"Quarter sessions" shall include any sessions whether held quarterly or otherwise of any recorder, chairman, and justices for the purpose of trying criminal issues by juries.

25 "County" shall include county of a city, county of a town, and the city and county of Londonderry.

4. No bill of indictment shall be laid by any person (other than the Crown) before any grand jury at any court of quarter sessions Notice as to
bills of
indictment.
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unless such person shall have previously lodged such bill of indictment with the clerk of the Crown and peace, or with the clerk of the peace in counties where the offices of clerk of the Crown and clerk of the peace have not yet been amalgamated, *four* clear days before the Crown day for such court of quarter sessions. 5

Notice to
jurors who
are not
required to
attend.

5. If no such bill of indictment shall have been so lodged, or if no notice shall have been received by the clerk of the Crown and peace, or clerk of the peace as aforesaid, four clear days before such Crown day for such court of quarter sessions of a person having been returned for trial at the instance of the Crown to such court of 10 quarter session, then the clerk of the Crown and peace or the clerk of the peace shall forthwith notify the same to the sheriff, who shall as soon as possible by postcard addressed to each grand juror and common juror summoned to attend at such court of quarter sessions and by advertisement in newspapers, or a newspaper 15 circulating in such quarter sessions district, inform each such juror that his attendance will not be required, and a postcard to the like effect shall be sent by the sheriff to each police barracks in such district, and a copy thereof shall be forthwith posted at the door thereof. Each such juror so summoned and notified subsequently 20 not to attend shall be given credit for an attendance as if he had actually attended upon such summons.

Adjourn-
ment of
trials.

6. If a person shall have been returned for trial to such court of quarter sessions, but no such notice shall have been received *four* clear days before such Crown day, or if a person shall have been 25 returned for trial to such court of quarter sessions during such four clear days before such Crown day, then the trial of such person shall stand adjourned to the next ensuing court of quarter sessions for such district, or to the next ensuing court of assize for the county in which such quarter sessions district is situate, whichever 30 shall be first held, and all recognizances entered into in respect thereof shall hold good, and be in full force without further renewal, as if such person had been in the first instance returned for trial to such next ensuing court of quarter sessions or next ensuing court of assize, and the recorder or chairman and justices of such court of 35 quarter sessions to which such person shall have been first returned for trial, shall, in addition to all powers already vested in him or them, have power to admit such person to bail until such next ensuing court of quarter sessions or assize, upon such terms and conditions as to him or them may seem right. 40

Penalty.

7. Any person not authorized by this Act, who shall wilfully sign, issue, or publish any such postcard, notice, or advertisement,

shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and further upon summary conviction thereof before one or more justices be adjudged to pay a penalty of *fifty pounds*. A.D. 1896.

8. Where it is the duty of the clerk of the Crown and peace or clerk of the peace to summon the jurors for any court of quarter sessions, then the duties of the sheriff under this Act shall be discharged by, and the expenses payable (as herein-after set forth) to the sheriff in respect thereof shall be payable to the clerk of the Crown and peace or clerk of the peace as the case may be. Duties and expenses of summoning jurors.
9. The grand jury of every county is hereby required from time to time at the next ensuing assize, without previous application at presentment sessions or otherwise, to present, for the purpose of defraying the expenses attending the execution of this Act, a sum equal to *one shilling* in respect of the name of each juror returned on the panels to be summoned for such court of quarter sessions, and such sum shall be raised and levied off the county at large, and shall be paid to the sheriff or to the clerk of the Crown and peace, or to the clerk of the peace, by the treasurer of the county, in the first instance, out of the unappropriated funds in bank to the credit of the county. Provision for expenses.
10. The clerks of the union shall, in compiling the lists of jurors each year for revision, set forth in a separate column on said lists, after the name of each juror, the name of the post office nearest to the residence of each such juror. Juror lists to contain names of post offices.

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